



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court Session***

March 8, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Jim Campbell and Stephanie Bonson, Harney County Weed Department; Rick Paul, Harney County Fair; Karen Moon, Watershed Council; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Holly Orr, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Chris Siegner and Ashley Vanderdasson, Symmetry Care; Kimberly Lindsay and Sharon Kuehn, Community Counseling Solutions; Herb Vloedman, and Barbara Cannady.

Work Session 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

The Court reviewed accounts payables, signed checks, and approved the vouchers by Court signature.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Herb Vloedman discussed the closing of Kings department store and requested information regarding Harney County economic development involvement.

Old Business

Appointment to the County Weed Board

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to appoint James E. Campbell to the Harney County Weed Board, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Court Order appointing a Pro Tempore for Justice Court

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion approving the Court Order (CJ2017-31) in the Matter of the Appointment of John Lamborn to Harney County Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for 2017, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:15 a.m. Chris Siegner, Director of Symmetry Care, with a program update

Chris Siegner, Director, and Ashley Vanderdasson, Nurse Practitioner, discussed Symmetry Care's new designation as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), which is a mental health clinic that also has primary care services available for their clients. The staff includes a Nurse Practitioner (Ashley Vanderdasson), a Registered Nurse (Emily Johnson), and two (2) community health workers.

10:45 a.m. Karen Moon, Watershed Council Coordinator, with a program update and recommendations for new Board members

Karen Moon provided the Court with a Harney County Watershed Council program update. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to appoint Joe Witzel and Raven Wing, and re-appoint Fred Otley, Dustin Johnson, and Brenda Smith, and transfer Mark Owens to the County Court board position, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2017-03 in the Matter of Designating County Contact Persons for VISA Credit Card Matters

The Court discussed Resolution #2017-03 (CJ2017-32) and agreed to change the designated contact persons to County Judge, County Treasurer, and County Clerk, and any combination of two (2) of the contact persons will act on behalf of Harney County regarding VISA credit card matters. Commissioner Owens made a Motion approving Resolution #2017-03 in the Matter of Designating County Contact Persons for VISA Credit Card Matters, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. opening of bids for Drilling and Shooting

Eric Drushella discussed the bid process. The Court opened three (3) sealed bids: Aggregate Resource Industries, Inc. \$47,500; McCallum Rock Drilling, \$1.40 per CU YD; and Quality Drilling and Blasting, LLC, \$39,750. Eric Drushella will review the bids and advise the Court of his recommendation.

Appointment of a Budget Board member

The Court reviewed the letters of interest from Terri Hellbusch and Barbara Cannady for the open position on the Harney County Budget Board. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to appoint Terri Hellbusch to the Harney County Budget Board, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:115 a.m. Steph Bonson, Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) coordinator, with an update

Stephanie Bonson gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Court on the 2016 CWMA projects.

11:30 a.m. Kimberly Lindsay, Community Counseling Solutions, with an update on State Public Health issues and Public Health Modernization

Kimberly Lindsay, Community Counseling Solutions, discussed with the Court topics including public health modernization, legislation, and funding. Jolene Cawlfeld has been hired as the new Harney County Public Health Director beginning April 17, 2017.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

Scheduling

County Court Work Session with BLM, Courthouse, 5 to 7 p.m. on March 15
County Court meeting on March 22 will begin at 1 p.m.
County Court Public Hearing at the Drewsey School on March 22, 5 to 7 p.m.

Late Items

Judge Runnels and Commissioner Owens updated the Court on the NACo Conference they attended in Washington DC on February 25-March 1, 2017.

General Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

County Court recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk